



**MINUTES OF
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2008**



DATE: Monday, November 3, 2008
TIME: 5:05 p.m.
PLACE: Room 391, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,
Alameda, CA 94501____

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Bhaani Singh, Vice-Chairperson Jordan Flores,
Hannah Bowman, Maggie Mei, Ilya Pinsky, Anjuli Sastry,

Absent: Lamont Carter, Angela Sterling-Vick

Staff: Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)
Andy Wong, Teen Coordinator (TC)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of October 14, 2008, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

M/S/C **Flores / Sastry** **Approval:** **(5) Ayes** **(1) Abstention**

“That the Minutes of October 14, 2008 Youth Advisory Commission meeting are approved.”

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

None

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. New Business

None

6. UNFINISHED BUSSINESS

A. Reduction of Vehicle Trips at Schools (Discussion / Action)

Commissioner Pinsky and Bowman presented a plan to solicit information and have the Commission do a field study about traffic patterns at the high schools. The detailed plan included gathering information from students, teachers, parents, and neighbors of the school areas. Commissioners would poll people about traffic issues and write down comments so that a course of action could be determined. Commissioner Pinsky created tally sheets to give out to fellow Commissioners. RS Russi suggested that this was a good opportunity to also get the word out about the Youth Commission and he stated that AYAC badges would be ready to use for all Commissioners. RC Wong also suggested that SRO's and office personnel including the Principal should also be contacted for input about this issue. Commissioner Pinsky and Chair Singh divided the task amongst the Board to accomplish the task by Thanksgiving break. RS Russi informed the Youth Commission regarding communication with City Council and City Departments are usually done by reports and scheduling meetings through the Recreation Dept. The following are specific tasks that have been assigned:

1. Talk to school resource officer: Anjuli- Alameda, Bhaani and Jordan-Encinal
2. Talk to neighboring residents: Hannah- Alameda and Encinal
3. Written Updates to City Council: Bhaani and Ilya
4. Talk to Secretaries: Maggie- Alameda, Lamont- Encinal
5. Talk to Traffic Officers at Alameda Police Station: Angela and Hannah
6. Talk to Principals: Jordan and Bhaani-Encinal, Anjuli-Alameda

A. Teen Needs Assessment Survey - (Discussion / Action Item)

Commissioner Sastry reported on the College Fair that took place on Thursday, October 16, at College of Alameda. Since a college fair was a top priority of the assessment survey, the Commission wanted to see how successful the fair was and how well it was attended. Over 50 colleges and universities participated. Workshops were held on financial aid, UC admissions, and CSU admissions. Commissioner Pinsky wanted to know how the Commission could get involved or plan for a fair in the spring. RS Russi stated that someone should contact the organizers from the College Fair and find out if there were any issues that the Youth Commission could help with in the future, or possibly assist in the planning. Commissioners agreed and Commissioner Sastry volunteered to discuss with organizers any potential needs for assistance in order to determine direction on how to proceed.

B. Youth Advisory Commission Website - (Discussion / Action Item)

Chair Singh researched other cities youth commission websites and provided examples. She wanted to add a tab for meeting minutes on the web page, have a space for accomplishments, and a space for current topics. Commissioners all agreed with recommendations. RC Wong and RS Russi stated that they would discuss the issues with the City's web designer and report back. RC Wong asked the Commission to respond to Melissa Jones' (ACCYF Coordinator) request to link the ACCYF website with the Youth Advisory Commission's.

M/S/C

Sastry / Vice-Chair Flores

(Unanimously approved)

"That the Youth Advisory Commission's website be linked with the Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth, and their Families' (ACCYF) for easier access."

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

RS Russi asked Commissioners to think about how they would like to be involved in the spring Job Skills and Job Fair so the item can be discussed during the next meeting.

8. Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, December 9, 2008; 5:00 PM (City Hall, Room 360)

9. Adjournment 6:00 PM